WILLIAM SCHLUETER PLEADS **GUILTY TO MURDER CHARGE.**

Judge Burroughs Hears Evidence to Enable Him to Determine What Penalty to Inflict on Fratricide - Defendant Had Refused to Accept Sentence of Life Imprisonment Offered by State Attorney.



MRS. HENRY SCHLUETER, Widow of the murdered man, and her three children, listening to the testimony against

its case. Schlueter has practically no defense, and sentence is expected immediately after the case is rested with the court after the case is rested with the court.

For the last two weeks efforts have been

made by attorneys for the defendant to get State Attorney James A. Farmer to agree to a definite sentence in the Penitentiary if Schlueter would plead guilty. This Mr. Farmer refused to do, although yesterday morning, when appealed to by Schlueter and his attorneys for clemency, he aned that he would consent to a sen tence of life imprisonment if the defendant would agree to take this sentence. This was refused by Schlueter and his attorneys, and Judge Burroughs was informed that the plea of not guilty would be withdrawn and that Schlueter would throw himself up-on the mercy of the Court, waiving all his rights to a trial by jury. Judge Burroughs admonished Schlueter of the step he had taken, and told him to reconsider this plea of guilty, as it meant a term of fourteen of guilty, as it meant a term of fourteen years in the Penitentiary as the minimum hment, and the death penalty as the

saximum punishment.
Schlueter said that he understood the lak and was willing to enter a plea of uilty. Judge Burroughs then amounced hat he would hear such testimony as rould put him in possession of all of the acts pertaining to the case, especially hat evidence pertaining to previous hreats on the part of William Schlueter to niure his brother. Henry, and the circumtances immediately leading up to the killing. The taking of testimony was then beam.

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During the trial of the case yesterday, Schlueter's wife and their three children, Arthur, Eugene and Harold, occupied seats immediately behind the defendant. When he entered the plea of guilty, his wife and children sobbed violently. He seemed to be the most impassive person in the courtroom, taking only little interest in the case, seemingly. The eldest son, Arthur, and the wife and mother realized the awful import of the trial, which will result in the separation of the husband and father from them perhaps forever. During the affermoon Mrs. Henry Schlueter the widow of the murdered brother, carrying her baby, occupied a seat in the jury box. She was heavily veiled and cried almost continually. Schlueter did not look at her, and if he was aware of her presence he gave no outward evidence of the fact.

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WITNESS FOR THE STATE.

Aigust Barthel, a prominent Believille attorney and an eyswiness of the tragedy, was the strongest witness for the State yesterday. Mr. Barthel told his story in a straightforward way.

"I was employed in a business way by Mrs. Louisa Schlueter, mother of William and Henry Schlueter," said Mr. Barthel.

"The men had had some trouble over the business, which was owned by their mother, and I was called in to settle the differences, if possible. This was the Friday before the shooting, although I had represented the mother at other times. I talked with both the men and heard their stories, and then I secured their consent to a meeting, which I arranged for Sunday afternoon. September I, to be held in the store, and at which there were to be present Mrs. Schlueter, her two sons, and her son-in-law, Henry Lutz, and myself. We were to look over the books and adjust the business affairs so that there would be no further trouble. "Henry his mother, Lutz and I met at the talioring shop according to the agreement. William was in a tobacco store next door and was called in. The instant he entered he requested that his mother go home. This is no place for her, he said. I want her to go home, for something is going to happen.' William unbraided his brother, accusing him of betraying him and attempting to undermine his reputation. William had secured the books and placed them on the table. Heury then said that he would not accept the last entries made in the books, and this angered William more. He then used such vile epithets that I cautioned him that his mother was present and that he should not forget himself so far as to use such language in her presence.

"William declared that no policeman should enter his store, and accused Henry will and metaled that his store, and accused Henry should enter his store, and accused Henry

William Schluster entered a plea of guilty in the Circuit Court at Belleville yesterday to the charge of murdering his brother, Henry, on Sunday afternoon, September 1, of last year, in their tailoring abop in Main street, Belleville, Circuit Judge B. R. Burroughs of Edwardsville is trying the case. Lawyers who paid close attention to the evidence presented yesterday declared that they expected the death penalty to be indicted, in spite of the fact that the defendant has thrown himself upon the mercy of the court.

The case was postponed last evening until this morning, when two of the most important witnesses for the State will be examined, after which the State will rest its case. Schlucter has practically no defense in break down the story, the first of the defense in break down the story, for the defense in break down the story, for the defense in break down the story, the proposed segregation were adopted with a proposed

Schlueter."

Efforts on the part of the attorneys for the defense to break down the story told by Mr. Barthel were unavailing.

Mr. Barthel's testimony was corroborated by Henry Lutz. He stated that William was the aggressor, and that Henry was wholly defenseless when William fired the fatal about

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Because of the age of Mrs. Schlueter and the consequent excitement attendant upon her appearance in court, it was agreed by the attorneys that she should not be called. CHIEF OF POLICE HEIDINGER TESTIFIES.

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Chief of Police Heidinger stated that he had been asked to come to the Cchlueter talloring shop by Henry Schlueter and Lutz, who wanted protection for Henry, as they feared William would injure him.

Chief Heidinger said he arrived at the shop a moment before the shooting, but did not enter and was lighting a cigar when the first shot was fired. He rushed in in time to assist Barthel, who was struggling with Schlueter for possession of the revolver. Chief Heidinger said that William Schlueter used the words: "All right, I've had my revenge," and that he had tried to strike Lutz while he was under arrest. At the police station Chief Heidinger said, he found eight cartridges in William Schlueter's trousers pocket.

Fire Marshal William Nebgen, who was present when William Schlueter was brought into the station, testified as to number of cartridges taken from Schlueter's clothing. He asked Schlueter why he had shot his brother and if he realized what he had done. "I have my revenge" Schlueter said, "and I don't care what they do with me."

Frank Wilkins, a tobacco dealer, whose testimony could in any way be construed as favorable to the defense. He said that some seven or eight days prior to the murder, Henry had showed him a revolver, which, he said, someone had asked him to buy. Wilkins did not know whether Henry had purchased the gun. Wilkins said that on the afternoon of the murder William had been in his store, greatly excited, and told him there would be trouble.

Dootors West and Bahrenburg testified as to the nature of the death wound.

Carj Schulenberg, a tailor employed by the Schlueters, testified that William had made threats against Henry at various times.

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WITNESSES ABSENT.
Shortly after 4 p. m. State Attorney
Farmer asked that the case be continued
until morning so he could secure two of
his most important witnesses. When asked
what he wanted to show by these witnesses
he told the Court that he expected to introduce a conversation between William
Schlueter and the witnesses to the effect
that William Schlueter had said that Henry
would never enter the tailoring business
again and that he had exhibited a revolver
and had said that it was the weapon with
which he intended killing his brother.
On this statement Judge Burroughs consented to a continuance of the case until
this morning.

MRS. FORSYTH WANTS DIVORCE. Declares Her Husband Guilty of Cruelty and Abandonment.

Cruelty and Abandonment.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Greenville, Ill., Jan. 2i.—Courtney Forsyth has been sued for divorce by his wife, Mrs. Dora R. Forsyth, on the ground of cruelty. She also alleges in her petition, which has been filed in the Bond County Circuit Court, that Forsyth has sbandoned her.

Mrs. Forsyth has sbandoned her.

Mrs. Forsyth is the stepdaughter of John Huffman, the well-known turfman. Courtney Forsyth has spent much of his time in St. Louis, but is now said to be in Louis-ville, Ky.

SUES HER MOTHER-IN-LAW. Wants Damages for Alleged Alien-

ation of Husband's Affections. Ellen Abbott filed suit yesterday in the Circuit Court against her mother-in-faw, Eleanora Abbott, for \$5.000 damages for the alleged allenation of the affections of her husband, Robert W. Abbott.

The plaintiff states that she was muricled to Robert W. Abbott November \$1.2500, and that in September, 1200, his mother influenced him to leave her and is harboring him.



WILLIAM SCHLUETER, Who pleaded guilty to the charge of murdering his brother. Henry; on trial at Belleville.

SOUTH SIDE STIRRED OVER SOCIAL EVIL.

Three Thousand Indignant Citizens Last Night Declared a Vigorous Protest.

EACH HAND WAS UPLIFTED.

Appeal Was Made for Civic Pride

Liederkranz Hall, Thirteenth street and CITY

Threatens Politicians.

Professor E. Seuel of Trinity Church, protested against the proposed segregation. 'I represent Trinity Church, Walter College and the German Lutheran Evangelical Church,' he said, "and if this plan of social evil segregation is carried through, the popularity of every man connected with the measure will feel a dull, sickening thud. Walter College can control 500 votes and there are thousands here who will demonstrate to the powers against the prostitution of South St. Louis."

D. A. Pareira, a member of the present Legislature, said: "I, for one, as a father, will not stand by and see this done. I have come here to do everything in my power to prevent the social-evil district being moved into the river-parish district. We will prevent this segregation, I ask every one here to stand together, shoulder to shoulder, and in this way we can gain this point."

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The Reverend J. J. Head of the Annunciation Church followed. He said: "The procession this evening carried me back 600 years, to when warriors of old went to fight the wars of Christ, and I sealongside the banners of the Syrian the Stars and Stripes. From the little log church that was replaced by the Old Cathedral 200 years ago, has grown this city. This district is holy ground. Here the great men of this city lived and died. It would be a dishonor to place a citadel of vice on the land made holy by the memories of these men."

Questions Power of Board. William Schwartz of St. Mary's Church said: "If the Board of Police Commission-ers is to set aside a district for social evil, why not set aside a district for thieves, where they can break in houses without molestation?

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E. P. V. Schneiderhahn of St. Mary's said: "I appeared before the Police Board as counsel for the river parishes and the board acknowledged it did not have the right to segregate the social evil, but was expecting the moral support of the people. If it persists in this matter we will appeal to the courts and secure writs of prohibition."

The Reverend A. V. Garthoeffner of St. Mary's Church presented the resolution prepared by a committee. He said: "We came here in belligerent mood to fight for our rights; we need moral support and as you are our moral support how can we fail?" At the request of the Speaker, after the reading of the resolution, the audience rose and with one right hand raised above the head they shouted "aye" as one man and the resolutions were adopted.

Others who spoke were: The Reverend Eugene Coyle of the old Cathedral, the Reverend B. P. Hueber of St. Vincent's Church, Jacob Mueller of St. Mark's Church, Henry Koesters of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Charles Denny of the Annunciation Church and Henry Mundt of the South St. Louis Protective Association.

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We, the citizens of the eastern and southern parts of the city of St. Louis, this twenty-first day of January, 1902, in grand mass meeting assembled, animated by a firm and unfinching determination to assert our rights in every extremity, councious of and giorying in our acknowledge strength, with a deep sense of the outrage intended to be inflicted upon us by various ill-minded, ignorant or misinformed persons, protest in the most solemn manner against the proposed selection for the social-evil district of the city of that part or any portion

thereof embraced on the north by Market street, south by Choutean avenue, east by the river and west by Sixth street.

We express our unmeasured abhorrence of the conduct of those real estate agents and others who dared to propose a district for said evil including Broadway and Fourth street, thus defiling the only avenues that are practically open to South St. Louis to reach the center of the city; we consider the naming of said district a direct and unwarranted insult; we condemn as a most foul deed any attempt upon the part of any one whatever to place any such district in the vicinity of Broadway and Fourth street.

We denounce as a ruthless desscration this attempt to degrade the most historic spot of the city, a part where the woods were first felled by the early founders of the city, where the young city took its rise and began its growth, and with which many tender historic memories are connected; we view every scheme to place this evil on the river front as an act of unparalleled wandlism polluting the banks of the Mississippi, the Father of Waters the stream that plays the chief role and was the other object of the negotiations culminating in the Louisiana Purchass. In view of the approaching World's Fair to celebrate that famous historic event we decry and denounce as a most vile disregard of the ordinary courtesies due the guests we intend to view the historic part of the city, that the same has been given over to the keeping of such people; we reject with scorn and contempt any plan to degrade this part of the city, that the same has been given over to the keeping of such people; we reject with scorn and contempt any plan to degrade this part of the city, that the same has been given over to the keeping of such people; we reject with scorn and contempt any plan to degrade the part of the city, that the same has been given over to the keeping of such people; we reject with scorn and contempt any plan to degrade the louis as mendicants for favor we ask no favor: we demand our rights: we demand equal

REVENUE INCREASED.

people were assembled to raise their voice New Trust Companies Will Pay \$250,000 in Taxes.

Association were there, and after flery trust companies in St. Louis recently, with speeches, resolutions protesting against the their enormous capitalization, has increased proposed segregation were adopted with a the taxable valuation of the city more

their enormous capitalization, has increased to proposed segregation were adopted with a vim that indicated the opposition was determined.

The parishoners of the various churches assembled at Broadway and Chouteau avenue, and led by bands and transparencies they marched to the hall. The meeting opened at 8:30 p. m. Joseph Balzer, president of the South St. Louis Protective Association, was elected chairman of the meeting, and N. P. Zimmer, secretary. The chairman announced the object of the meeting to protest against the district between Market street, Chouteau avenue, Sixth street and the river, being set aside for social evil.

John Mischel of the South St. Louis Protective Association was the first speaker. He accused the real estate men of desiring to move the social evil district to the river front for their own pecuniary benefit. "This region is sacred." he said, "more houses of worship and more schools are in the proposed district than in any other part of the city. We have our humble little homes, we worked for them all our lives and we don't want them desecrated."

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He is taxable valuation of the canus any other business enterprises which have ever been formed by, St. Louisans," said Attorney F. N. Judson in a lecture of the American Institute of Banks and Trust Companies" before the St. Louis Chapter of the American Institute of Banks and Trust Companies" before the St. Louis Chapter of the American Institute of Banks and Trust Companies "before the St. Louis Chapter of the American Institute of Bank Clerks last night at the Stock Exchange.

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CRAFT SLOWLY STRANGLED. Did Not Die Until Over Half Hour After Trap Was Sprung.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 21.-At 9:02 this morning J. L. Craft was executed. At 9 o'clock the noose was adjusted, and two minutes afterwards the trap was sprung. Craft's death was horrible, and for fifteen minutes he writhed in agony, emitting a wheezy sound occasioned by hard breathing. For five minutes his whole body was in convulsions. It was thirty-six minutes from the time the trap was sprung until Doctors Lopp and Son pronounced him dead, and two minutes afterwards Deputy Sheriff G. A. Smith took his body down.

He died by slow strangulation, caused by the black cap catching in the knot of the rope and preventing it from slipping properly. Instead of breaking his neck, the rope slipped over the left ear to the cheek, bringing the rope just under Craft's chin. Sheriff Henderson had properly adjusted the noose, just an inch behind the ear.

Craft met death bravely and at no time did he weaken. He was attended to the scaffold by the Reverend Father Peters, his spiritual advisers. Craft was 28 years of age, and was born at Bunker Hill, Miss. o'clock the noose was adjusted, and two

MARKHAM CHOSEN PRESIDENT. St. Louis Mercantile Library Asso-

ciation Had an Election. Officers were elected yesterday by the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association as follows: George D. Markham, of the insurance firm of W. H. Markham & Co., president; Alfred L. Shapleigh, of the Norvell-Shapleigh Hardware Company, vice president; Lewis D. Dozler, local manager of the National Biscuit Company, corresponding secretary; Henry C. Scott, president of the Laclede Power Company, treasurer; Robert McK. Jones of the Robert McK. Jones of the Robert McK. Jones Dry Goods Company, and Henry Stanley, president of the H. Stanley Milling Company, directors.

The ticket was elected without opposition. Polls were open from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m., and a good vote was polled. lows: George D. Markham, of the insur-

DOCTOR JOHN BROWNRIGG DEAD Uncle of Justice of the Peace R. B. Haughton.

Doctor John Brownrigg of Aberdeen, Miss., uncle of Justice of the Peace R. B. Haughton, died yesterday at the Mullanphy Hospital of an old ailment. He came to St. Louis a short time tgo to receive medical treatment.

Justice Haughton and Attorney R. M. Brownrigg, son of the deceased, left last night with the body for Jackson, Miss., where it will be buried beside his wife, who died thirty years ago.

THERE are 613 "Want" ads printed in to-day's Republic. Many bargains are of-fered. Read them over.

BUSINESS MEN'S LEAGUE ELECTION.

Old Officers Retained Except That G. J. Tansey Is Made New Vice President.

INSURANCE A LIVE TOPIC.

League, under its present name, and the tenth of its actual existence, closed with a balance in the treasury of something more than \$12,000, and a membership of 254. These are the largest figures the league has ever been able to report, showing plainly a growing disposition on the part of business men in St. Louis to give their time and efforts to public work of the character represented by our association.

"Commercial inquiries have been received from nearly every State in the Union, and from Mexico and other foreign countries. The objects of the league include the answering of "inquiries from corporations or individuals contempiating a change of location, and the fostering of manufacturing and commercial enterprises." More than fifty-one firms opened up offices here, the amount of capital represented by them being \$19,000,000. In making the calculation only concerns having a rating with one or both of the two recognized commercial agencies are included. At least 200 corporations were organized here in 1901, their capital stock aggregating \$21,000,000. Besides fifty-one new firms opening up offices here, 200 corporations starting business, over fifty St. Louis corporations filed notice of increase of capitalization during 1901, the amount of increase aggregating \$12,000,000." Reports of Departments Heard.

When the reports of departments were reached E. Devoy, chairman of the Legislation Committee, and Harvey L. Christie, counsel, responded for the legal department. counsel, responded for the legal department. The Legislation Committee reviewed its work at the last Missouri Legislature in the interest of certain laws that were desired passed by members of the league. Among the most important matters taken up were bills regarding smoke abatement, the proposed change in School Board law, hostile commercial legislation, alum adulteration, undue interference with candy trade tax on whisky militia State appropriation. The passage of the smoke abatement bill resulted in the reorganization of the Citizens' Smoke Abatement Association and passage of city ordinance regarding the same. At the league's banquet in May "Smoke Abatement' was the special subsame. At the league's banquet in May "Smoke Abatement" was the special subject of discussion, and resolutions were adopted indorsing the effort of the Citizens' Smoke Abatement Association and resolutions were also adopted and copies sent to President of the Council and Speaker of the House of Delegates At the league's hantions were also adopted and copies sent to President of the Council and Speaker of the House of Delegates. At the league's banquet in September the "Proposed Charter Amendments" was the special subject of discussion, and resolutions were adopted indorsing the same and recommending their adoption by the people.

Communications were addressed to our Senators and Congress—about securing amendment in the Senate to rivers and harbors bill, increasing amount for Mississippi River. St. Louis to Cairo: matter of appropriation for Government bonded warehouse in St. Louis; urging them to support, if practicable, repeal of tax on hides, etc. Nearly all subjects of legislation referred to the committee, for action, were questions of great importance to the business interests of the city.

Legal Department's Showing.

The report of the legal department

The report of the legal department showed that since the date of last annual neeting, at the request of the league and in the interest of its members, written opin-ions construing statutes of Pennsylvania,

in the Interest of its members, written opinions construing statutes of Pennsylvania, Indiana, Wisconsin, Arkansas Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas and Missouri were rendered. An opinion was given also as to the effect of an act of Congress relating to business done in the Indian Territory by corporations organized under the laws of the validity and effect of the ordinance of the city of St. Louis, imposing upon the merchants of this city, a license tax measurements of the city of St. Louis, imposing upon the merchants of this city, a license tax measurements of the city of St. Louis, imposing upon the merchants of the city of St. Louis, imposing upon the merchant of the city and whether the City possessed the authority the possessed the authority of the consellary of the consellary and whether the State could lawfully confer upon the city authority to bose the tax in question on any sales, except such as land the consellary of the consellar

rate of his ad valorem tax, he is required to pay a license tax based on sales amounting to \$\overline{1}\$ per thousand. It has been stated by competent authority that this system was adopted as a measure of relief to the merchants at his request. The Supreme Court of the United States has in numerous cases upheld the exercise of the taxing power by the States where the charge or burden upon interstate commerce resulting therefrom has been incidental merely, and has not amounted to a direct regulation of such commerce.

Traffic Department Gives Accounting.

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Following Mr. Christie, Henry F. Langenberg, chairman of the St. Louis Traffic Bureau, which is maintained jointly by the Business Men's League and the Merchants' Exchange, discussed briefly the functions of this bureau. Mr. Langenberg sald, in part:

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eral appointed a commission to estimate the cost of construction, operation and utility of all systems of pneumatic tubes for the transmission of mall, to enable Congress to determine whether the service should be extended or discontinued by the Government, and this commission approved of the application of the service to St. Louis. Though defeated in the last Congress the committee thinks the improvement may be authorized at the present session.

Extensions in County Districts.

It was felt for a long time that the mail service of the county was antiquated and inadequate to its importance. Even the villages touching the city limits on the west received only one mail per day and the persons who lived out of the corporate limits of St. Louis enjoyed the same facilities as do the residents of Montana. It was determined to place in the larger settlements of the county letter carriers connected with the St. Louis post office and to cover the intermediate and outlying portion with rural free delivery routes on which mail would be delivered once a day. The towns like Kirkwood, Webster Groves, Clayton, Ferguson, Florissant, Hilliside, Wellston, Old Orchard, Maplewood, Bartold, Bobring and Jefferson Barracks will receive from two to three deliveries of mail per day. The service is by this means raised to the standard of that in the outlying portions of St. Louis, and the business people of St. Louis having interests in the county are enabled to use a modern postal service in connection with their business. A bill has been introduced in Congress for the establishment of a new Government building, exclusively for post office purposes. If this new post office is situated next door to the Union Station the committee shinks an advantage will be gained. The chances that additional fast mail service to the West and South will be gained this year are very great. The Postmaster reports that several of these projects are under way.

Insurance Committee Has Surprise, Probably no report that the business man. Extensions in County Districts.

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Probably no report that the business men ilstened to during the evening caused as much comment and excited so much interest as that from the Insurance Committee, presented by Chairman H. M. Blossom. The report was, in part, as follows:

"A careful compliation shows that for the ten years beginning with 1831 the losses and the necessary expenses of the Insurance companies doing business in St. Louis were, by a considerable sum, in excess of the premium receipts for the same period, constituting thus for ten years an actual loss to the insurance capital so employed and so exposed. The figures for 1801 are not yet classified, but enough is known to make the record that of a loss year. It is conservatively estimated that the loss to the companies for 1801, above receipts, will be nearly, or quite, \$500,000.

"A single firm here adjusted through its office a property loss for 1901 in excess of \$2,300,000. For the first fifteen days of this month the fire loss has been nearly one-fourth of the probable receipts of the year. The fear is expressed by insurance managers that, with such a lurid beginning, the current year will overtake and pass the disastrous and discouraging record of the year which has just closed.

"The evil fruits of those aggravating circumstances, with others not mentioned, are seen not only in the withdrawal since January I. 1900, of over fifty companies which no longer consent to endure the unequal contest, but almost as much and as hurtfully in the elimination of classes and the reduction in amounts carried by those companies which still, somewhat dubiously, remain.

"If any one doubts that what we have already reached; in this important matter. Insurance Committee Has Surprise,

chase Exposition, was as a mole hill to a mountain range.

"unless insurance conditions us bold change here, is any man among us bold enough to say that we can have a towering, world-enthralling Exposition, such as is outlined by enthusiastic St. Louisans, for the year 1902? In this view, for the sake of retaining and inviting needed insurance protection, must we not at least readily consent—yea, more, advise—that the insurance companies shall put their premium income in St. Louis above what all recent experience shows to have been the burning ine? Must we not apply to the reduction of the fire waste here such remedies as only alert and loyal citizenship can compass? Must we not insist that oppressive laws, which in no way tend to any good purpose—uni reasonable legislative restrictions which are as unprofiting as they are harnssing—thall be abolished? Must we not invite—by earning—the favoring consideration of the great solvent insurance corporations that undertake large things?

Changes Proposed to Meeting Dates.

J. J. Wertheimer, chalrman of the Programme Committee, offered its report:

The committee recommends that general meetings of members be held the year in the last week of March, the last week of Moyand about the middle of the month of November, the dates to be determined upon by the Executive Committee so as not to conflict with other meetings, in view of the fact that matters of special interest may arise which cannot be foreseen at this time the committee makes no denn te suggestions as to subjects, suggesting that this meeting authorize the Executive Committee to select a topic for debate and secure speakers for each meetings.

The committee is of the opinion that quarierly meetings of members as now regularly established are of great benefit to the league as an organization, by bringing: the members into closer relationship with each other, interesting nonmembers and thus greatly increasing the membership of the league was shown to be 25 per cent greater than ever before, and 150 per cent more t

Report of Treasurer Hill.
The report of Treasurer Walker Hill was s follows:

Those Who Were Present.

A list of those who accepted invitations and were reserved places at last night's banquet follows:
Aloe. Louis P.
Altheimer, Ben Duncan, A. H.
Anderson, J. W.
Amea, Hy. Semple Allen, Geo, B.
Anderson, L. A.
Baser, Adolph Baker, Geo, A.
Barnard, Geo, D.
Bascon, J. D.
Hatdorf, Edwin Berger, W. E.
Bingle, Edmund J.
Birge, J. C.
Bianke, C. F.
Blossom, H. M.
Boehnken, E. H.
Bohm, Edwin Brown, Paul Bryan, P. Taylor

Smith, C. B.
Smith, J. E.
Spencer, Corvin H.
Sprague, C. C.
Steigers, Wm. C.
Stochton, R. H.
Slmon, I. M.
Sultan, Fred W.
Slmpson, J. D.
Seward, F. D.
Sullivan, F. H.
Saum, Stephen
Semple, F. J.
Stanley, Edward
Skiff, F. J. V.
Sawer, L. H.
Saul. Gers,
Wm. Fleweilyn
Schuurmacher, Ben Tennent, John H.

Tennent. John H.
Thompson, Chas. A.
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Tunker, Chas. H.
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Terry, John H.
Tesadala, E. P.
Tompkins, E. S.
Tesadala, Robert
Terry, Albert T.
Thomas, John B.
Udell, C. E.
Vogel, Chas. F.
Volkening, E.
Wade, Festus J.
Walbridge, C. P.
Warre, C. E.
Wenneker, C. F.
Wernse, H. H.
Wenthelmer, J. J.
West, Courtney H.
Woodherd, A. B.
Wood, Henry
Woodward, W. H.
Wand, Thos.
Walker, L. H.
Wand, Thos.
Walker, L. H.
Wenneker, Aug.

OFFICERS SELECTED.

South Broadway Merchants' Association Held Annual Election. The annual election of officers, the adop-

tion of resolutions opposing the location of the social evil in the eastern section of St-Louis, and the approval of the Municipal Railroad Company's proposition for the construction of fifty miles of street railway, were the features of last night's meeting of the South Broadway Merchants' Associa-

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The matter of committing the association to an approval of the Municipal Railway Company's scheme was the result of a motion made by L. C. Kaltwasser, and was stoutly opposed by L. F. Hammer, Jr. The motion was carried, however, by a large majority. Edward Greensfelder, representing the Municipal Railroad Company, declared that that corporation proposes to reduce the fare, pave all unmade streets of which it lays tracks, sprinkle its right of way, and pay a percentage of its gross earnings into the city treasury in return for the oestowal of a tranchise by the Municipal Assembly.

A resolution remonstrating against the location of the social evil in the district bounded by Market street on the north, the river on the east. Chouteau avanue on the south, and Sixth street on the west was adopted and will be presented to the Board of Police Commissioners at its meeting to-day.

The following officers were elected: Al Wittmann, president; O. R. Fries, first vice president; Ed L. Wachter, second vice president; Ed L. Wachter, second vice president; Ed L. Wachter, second vice president; L. E. Kaltwasser, treasurer; A. Wachter, secretary. August Steinmeyer, J. V. Feldman and Max Posnasky were closed trustees, and President Wittmans and Daniel C. Donovan of the St. Louis Revawere named delegates to the Missouri Mercantille Association.